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NEWS FROM THE EAST BAY STAND DOWN

VETERANS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS ORGANIZING NOW FOR EAST BAY STAND DOWN

*SERVICES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS COMING TO ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
AUGUST 7-10, 2008*

EVENT: Organizers for the East Bay Stand Down will hold their first public planning meeting to provide an overview of the program and to encourage participation by service providers and volunteers.

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2008

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (RFTA)
Building 620 Conference Center
Camp Parks, CA 94568
(Located in the city of Dublin, California, Southeast of Oakland near the intersection of Interstate Highways 580 and 680)

WHO: East Bay Stand Down organizers,

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BACKGROUND: A "tent city" is coming to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California in August 2008, providing food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and many other services for up to five hundred homeless veterans in the East Bay for four days. This event, called "East Bay Stand Down" is part of a major community effort to help area veterans, supported by the California and US Departments of Veterans Affairs and including many other government and community agencies and volunteers who aid the homeless.

The East Bay Stand Down is expected to provide needy and homeless veterans (including men and women, and families) a safe encampment, food and medical evaluations on a temporary basis. The objectives of the East Bay Stand Down are to place up to 20% of the participants into residential programs, offer employment opportunities, and to provide follow-up programs to each veteran as needed. Additional information regarding the East Bay Stand Down can be found on the program website at <http://www.eastbaystanddown.org>.

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